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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY  
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Q: I WISH TO ASK IF WHAT MR. YOUNG SAYS ABOUT THE AFRICAN  
POLICY OF FRANCE CAN CAUSE ANY TROUBLE OR ANY DIRECT  
CONSEQUENCE IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE  
UNITED STATES? YOU SAID YESTERDAY --

A: I SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT  
REGARDING FRENCH POLICY IN AFRICA DID NOT REPRESENT THE  
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VIEWS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION AND THEREFORE MUST BE  
CONSIDERED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS. FURTHERMORE, I CONFIRMED  
THAT THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN IN  
TOUCH CONCERNING THESE MATTERS, BUT I HAVE NO FURTHER  
CHARACTERIZATION FOR BOTH OF THEM.

Q: JUST TO FOLLOW UP THAT, SO WE WON'T HAVE A MINISCULE  
BRIEFING, TOM, DID YOU EVER FOLLOW UP THE QUESTION AS TO  
WHEN AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY BE PRESUMED BY THE PUBLIC TO BE  
SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF AND WHEN HE IS SPEAKING FOR THE  
UNITED STATES?

A: I DON'T THINK I TOOK THAT QUESTION, BUT I DID SAY  
THAT I DON'T THINK YOU CAN NECESSARILY ASSUME THAT HE  
IS ALWAYS SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF OR FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THE NAMIBIA ACCORD?

A: YES, I DO. WE REGARD THE ACCEPTANCE BY SWAPO OF THE  
CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL AS FINAL. AT THE CONCLUSION OF

THE JULY 10 - 11 TALKS IN LUANDA, THE SWAPO DELEGATION  
HEADED BY SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMO ANNOUNCED THAT THEY

WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE WESTERN PROPOSAL AND TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

DO YOU HAVE MORE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT IT?

Q: WERE THERE ANY CLARIFICATIONS IN TERMS OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE?

A: NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE WESTERN PROPOSAL WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP ON APRIL 10, 1978 AND ACCEPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA ON APRIL 25.

Q: HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS ABOUT WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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JUST TOOK PLACE? HAVE YOU GOTTEN A RESPONSE FROM THEM YET?

A: I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TALKED AS YET WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

Q: TOM, SPEAKING ON THAT SECTION OF THE COUNTRY, A RELATED QUESTION, AT THE TIME THE SOUTH AFRICAN TENNIS TEAM CAME TO PARTICIPATE AT VANDERBILT, THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PROTEST, DEMONSTRATION AND SO FORTH. DO YOU RECALL THAT?

A: YES.

Q: DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT DETECT THAT AT DEMONSTRATION/ PROTEST AT THE IDEA OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM PARTICIPATING IN SOVIET RUSSIA?

A: I'VE SEEN NOTHING ON THAT.

Q: IS A BOYCOTT OF THE 1980 OLYMPICS ONE OF THE OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF U.S. - SOVIET RELATIONS?

A: IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OLYMPICS IS A NON-

GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION. I AM NOT AWARE THAT WE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH SPECULATION OR CONSIDERATION AT THIS POINT.

Q: IS THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT A GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION, TOM, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE -- THE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS, IS THAT GOVERNMENTAL?

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A: I THINK THE PARTICULAR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP TO WHICH  
YOU WERE REFERRING JUST A MOMENT AGO WAS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
INSTITUTION.

Q: YES, IN THE SAME SENSE THAT THE OLYMPICS ARE NON-  
GOVERNMENTAL, IS THAT CORRECT?

A: I AM NOT AN EXPERT ON SPORTS INSTITUTIONS SO I CANNOT  
MAKE THE COMPARISON.

Q: THANK YOU.  
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